Reimbursement to Karnataka for MIS

1723. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to intervene and direct the Ministry of Agriculture to reimburse a sum of Rs.2.34 crores claimed by that State Government, spent as a part of Market Intervention Scheme in regard to procurement of potatoes in Dharwarand Belgaum Districts;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) by when, the reimbursement can be expected to be received by Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for potato in the State of Karnataka was implemented in the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. As per approved guidelines for implementing MIS, losses are reimbursed after approval of accounts/ claims by this Department in consultation with the Department of Expenditure o' Ministry of Finance. Claims of the State Government are under examination.

(c) The Central Government share will be released to the Government of Karnataka immediately after the accounts/claims have been examined by the competent authority.

Deficiency of calcium in cattle

†1724. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in the Daily Dainik Bhaskar under the caption "Pradesh Ke Pashu Calcium Kee Kami ke Shikar";

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that milk not containing calcium is harmful for children;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government would make it mandatory for all the States in undertake examination of the cattle and, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government for providing good quality milk to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Gnerally the milk has calcium content of 120-210 mg/100 cc. Calcium is essential for the formation and maintenance of bones and teeth. The milk deficient in calcium contents will not provide the desired benefits.

(c) and (d) As per surveys conducted by the scientists of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar on the prevalence of Mineral Deficiency in cattle calcium deficiency in soil ranged from 26.32% to 27.71%, over-all prevalence of fodder calcium deficiency was 19.08% to 25.82%* and prevalence of calcium in serum in cattle was 28.86% to 31.81%. Due to mineral deficiency, the animals show anaemia, debility and reproductive failure and suffer from paraketosis and pica. In such cases, mineral mixture are prescribed.The Milk and Milk Products Order (MMPO, 1992) has been notified for enforcing/prescribing standards for quality and food safety.

Assistance to Gaushalas and Panjara Poles

1725. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been sanctioned to Gaushalas and Panjara Poles from the amount of Rs.25 crores declared on 18th December, 2002 to save the cattle in drought affected States;

(b) what is the mechanism to decide about the quantum of such financial assistance; and

(c) what are estimated numbers of cattle heads in drought affected areas of the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) A Committee has